



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 7 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 233 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 7, 2019, up 7 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 81.8 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 3 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 188 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 7, 2019, up 3 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through December 7, 2019 for the United States were 9.09 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Week ending					
	November 2, 2019	November 9, 2019	November 16, 2019	November 23, 2019	November 30, 2019	December 7, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,716	31,286	33,512	32,617	32,966	33,293
Arkansas	23,062	23,333	23,668	23,858	23,540	23,312
Delaware	5,023	4,960	4,961	5,038	5,034	4,955
Florida	1,163	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178	1,178
Georgia	32,090	33,012	34,607	34,915	34,770	34,342
Kentucky	7,980	6,892	7,791	7,806	7,747	7,268
Louisiana	3,334	3,607	3,456	3,864	3,758	3,668
Maryland	7,877	8,014	7,763	7,902	8,066	7,817
Mississippi	17,196	17,595	18,111	18,006	18,015	18,275
Missouri	8,104	8,102	8,961	8,952	8,664	8,929
North Carolina	23,803	24,703	24,113	24,566	24,484	24,078
Oklahoma	7,478	7,575	7,691	7,765	7,573	7,200
Pennsylvania	5,266	5,659	5,940	5,672	5,960	5,723
South Carolina	5,359	5,590	5,738	5,693	5,807	5,512
Texas	17,114	16,263	17,610	17,781	17,934	18,115
Virginia	5,990	6,484	6,294	5,903	6,662	6,134
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,730	11,615	12,611	12,925	12,769	12,436
Other States	9,832	10,776	11,359	10,818	10,962	11,053
United States	224,117	226,644	235,364	235,259	235,889	233,288
Percent of previous year	104	102	103	103	100	107

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Week ending					
	November 2, 2019	November 9, 2019	November 16, 2019	November 23, 2019	November 30, 2019	December 7, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	23,497	22,849	24,400	22,319	22,119	25,329
Arkansas	19,661	18,827	20,409	21,213	21,254	21,988
Delaware	4,047	4,638	5,871	5,516	5,494	5,298
Florida	1,195	1,284	1,285	1,213	1,328	1,337
Georgia	26,480	27,046	23,811	24,547	27,332	26,262
Kentucky	6,307	5,997	6,353	6,125	5,880	6,095
Louisiana	3,192	3,291	3,560	2,743	2,963	2,925
Maryland	5,782	5,300	4,365	5,346	4,918	5,212
Mississippi	13,621	14,865	15,435	14,708	14,891	15,400
Missouri	5,621	5,640	5,900	4,815	5,194	5,997
North Carolina	18,397	20,109	19,807	19,318	20,548	19,307
Oklahoma	3,248	4,309	4,791	4,936	5,020	4,420
Pennsylvania	4,277	4,159	3,752	4,094	4,382	4,429
South Carolina	5,113	5,057	5,390	5,229	4,320	5,118
Texas	13,477	13,596	13,752	14,084	13,169	13,930
Virginia	5,761	6,139	5,723	4,915	5,787	4,995
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,414	10,032	10,565	10,859	10,100	11,103
Other States	7,557	7,566	7,551	7,367	8,305	8,874
United States	177,647	180,704	182,720	179,347	183,004	188,019
Percent of previous year	102	105	104	104	103	103

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

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